

If we are serious about getting our arms around both climate change and reducing our dependence on oil, we now have to address outdoor lighting. It is the other side of the coin. Lighting consumes 22 percent of all electricity generated in the U.S. Outdoor lighting for streets, parking lots and area lighting consumes about 20 percent of that total. Up to 25 percent of household electricity goes to light outdoor spaces, according to the California Energy Commission.

H.R. 5201, the bipartisan bill we are introducing today, is identical to legislation introduced by Senators BINGAMAN and MURKOWSKI. It reflects a compromise with industry and the environmental community. And it builds on the provision we added to the American Clean Energy and Security Act reported by the House Energy and Commerce Committee last May.

The legislation imposes standards for outdoor lights in three tiers. The first tier takes effect three years after the bill becomes law, the second in 2016 and the third in 2021.

By 2030 the new efficient outdoor lights are expected to save the equivalent power output of three to six nuclear plants or 6 to 10 large coal fired plants every year.

It will also save us money. As the Grandma of the Blue Dogs, that's important to me. And given skyrocketing deficits and the ongoing recession, it ought to be important to this Congress. Annual savings will be in the range of \$2.8 billion to \$5.1 billion by 2030.

By 2030 carbon emissions will also be reduced in a major way—from 4.48 to 7.95 metric tons annually, the equivalent of taking approximately 3 to 5.4 million cars off the road.

The bill also protects the efforts of early innovators like California, which has already passed an aggressive outdoor lighting standard.

And this bill is consensus legislation at its best. It shows what we can do when Democrats and Republicans and manufacturers and environmentalists work toward the same goal. I urge its prompt enactment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to state how I would have voted on Thursday, April 29, 2010 when I was unavoidably detained.

Had I voted, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 242.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF JOHN LONSAK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of John Lonsak on the occasion of his retirement after 41 years of service to the library system of Greater Cleveland.

For eight years, Mr. Lonsak served as executive director of the Cuyahoga County Public Library system. He also served as regional library manager for the Parma and Fairview

Park library systems. Mr. Lonsak has worked to promote and develop innovative projects and programs hosted at the Rocky River Library and throughout the Rocky River community. He served as past president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Library system and is a life-long member of the Ohio Library Council and the American Library Association. In 2001, Mr. Lonsak was honored with the Director Award by the Ohio Library Council and was named the Librarian of the Year for his development of a universal library card.

Mr. Lonsak's enthusiasm for libraries began in childhood when his mother regularly brought him to story hours at the Eastman branch of the Cleveland Public Library. He earned a bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University and a Master of Library Science from Case Western University. When he became director of the Rocky River library six years ago, Mr. Lonsak worked to oversee an expansive renovation project, which included the restoration of the interior built in 1928, an expansion of the children's department and the renovation of the public computer center. A new lobby and children's room were also included in the renovation.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of John Lonsak, whose service to the Greater Cleveland Community is deeply appreciated.

CONGRATULATING ARLISS STUR- GULEWSKI AND CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, each year Congregation Beth Shalom of Anchorage selects a distinguished Alaskan to receive its annual "Shining Lights" award. The Shining Lights award has a dual purpose, in that it expresses appreciation for the honoree's contributions to the 49th State and its people, and also inspires others to emulate the honoree's good works, in the spirit of "Tikkun Olam"—the repair of the world. This year, 2010, Congregation Beth Shalom has chosen former State Senator Arliss Sturgulewski to receive the Shining Lights Award.

I proudly commend the selection of Arliss Sturgulewski as the recipient of the 2010 Shining Lights Award. I remember when Arliss was a state senator between 1978 and 1992, was the Republican candidate for Governor of Alaska in 1986 and 1990, and served as an elected member of the Anchorage Charter Commission and the Anchorage Assembly. In addition to her elective offices, Arliss has served on numerous boards and commissions, such as the Municipality of Anchorage's Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Examiners and Appeals.

A parent herself, Arliss's interest in Alaska's youth has been made manifest by her leadership as a trustee for the Anchorage YMCA, and at the University of Alaska through her service as a member of the Advisory Council for the School of Fisheries and Ocean Services, the University of Alaska Foundation, and the Anchorage Chancellor's Council. A graduate of the University of Washington, Arliss was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

The immeasurable contributions of Arliss Sturgulewski are an inspiration to Alaskans in

all regions and walks of life. In particular, it is certain that Arliss has inspired many Alaska women to either seek public office or to become otherwise involved as political, business and community leaders, to the great benefit of Alaskans everywhere.

I would like to congratulate Arliss and Congregation Beth Shalom on the occasion of this well-deserved award.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF WORKERS' MEMO- RIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor of H. Res. 375, which supports the goals and ideals of Workers' Memorial Day, recognizes the importance of worker health and safety, and encourages the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, employers, and employees to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of workplace safety. This legislation serves as an important tribute to the men and women who have been killed or injured in the workplace and a reminder of the need for a national effort to ensure that workplaces across the country are as safe as possible.

I thank Chairman MILLER for his leadership in bringing this resolution to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, for her dedication to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all workers in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, every year, about 5,000 individuals are killed due to workplace related injuries. That is an average of 14 workers each day that die due to an accident in the workplace. In an advanced, industrialized society, these numbers are simply unacceptable. Many workers in my district are employed by the Port of Long Beach, where they operate complicated machinery and move heavy equipment to help facilitate the movement of goods throughout the United States. They deserve our best effort to provide them with a safe workplace as they perform this important work. Recent workplace tragedies, such as the death of the 29 coal miners in the disaster at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County, West Virginia, and the explosion of the Transocean Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico that left 17 workers injured and 11 missing, have made even clearer the need for increased workplace protections in the United States. Hopefully, we can take these horrible tragedies as a call to ensure that the necessary workplace safety and health regulations are in place for all Americans. Regardless of whether you work in an office complex or a textile mill, a steel plant or on an oil rig, every American deserves the assurance of knowing that he or she is safe at work.

Mr. Speaker, our nation needs a sustained and heightened focus on safety in the workplace, so that every employee in the United States can work in a healthy environment and return home safely to his or her family at the end of the day. This resolution is an important step in that effort.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 375.